

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 91 – 101 are currently pending and rejected.

The applicants amend claims 91 and 93 – 101, and add new claims 102 – 110. Claims 91 and 93 – 101 have been amended not to overcome the examiner's rejections, but to more clearly recite an aspect of the applicants' invention. The applicants respectfully assert that claims 91 – 110, as amended, are in condition for allowance for at least the reasons discussed below.

Rejection Against Claims 91 – 95 and 102 – 104

The applicants respectfully assert that claim 91, as amended, is patentable over the Dell Optiplex GX1 Computer Reference and Installation Guide (Dell) and Microsoft's Windows 98 (Windows 98) at least because each fails to disclose software that, when executed by a processor, causes circuitry to determine whether or not the format of a moved music track is compatible with the music renderer that the track is moved to, such that the music renderer can render music from the music track.

Claim 91, as amended, recites in part, an electronic device that includes circuitry having a processor; and a set of software instructions that, when executed by the processor, causes the circuitry to:

- 1) display a graphical user interface that depicts a music renderer node and a music item node, wherein the music renderer node identifies a music renderer coupled to the device and includes information about the music renderer, and the music item node includes an icon identifying a music track stored on a storage medium of the device; and
- 2) in response to moving the icon from the music item node to the music renderer node, determine whether or not the format of the corresponding music track is compatible with the corresponding music renderer such that the music renderer can render music from the music track.

In contrast, Neither Dell nor Windows 98 disclose software that determines whether or not the format of a moved music track is compatible with the music

renderer that the track is moved to. The software discussed in Dell appears to be basic programs that provide basic functionality to the hardware of Dell's Optiplex GX1 system. For example the software discussed in Dell includes system software for the basic input output system (BIOS) and drivers for hardware components of the system. The explorer component of Windows 98 appears to provide a graphic user interface that displays a hierarchical library tree that graphically depicts files and folders. When the explorer component is used to transfer, via a network, a file from one computer to another computer that includes a music player for rendering music from a music file, neither computer determines whether or not the file to be transferred is compatible with the music player. Therefore, unlike the applicants' claimed electronic device, the Dell and Windows 98 system fails to disclose determining whether or not the format of a moved music track is compatible with the music renderer that the track is moved to.

Claims 92 – 95 and 102 – 104 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependencies on claim 91, as amended.

Rejection Against Claims 96 – 100 and 105 – 108

Claim 96, as amended, is patentable over Dell and Windows 98 at least for reasons similar to those recited above in support of claim 91, as amended, over Dell and Windows 98.

Claims 97 – 100 and 105 – 108 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependencies on claim 97, as amended.

Rejection Against Claim 101

Claim 101, as amended, is patentable over Dell and Windows 98 at least for reasons similar to those recited above in support of claim 91, as amended, over Dell and Windows 98.

Claims 109 and 110 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependencies on claim 101, as amended.

Conclusion

The applicants respectfully request that the examiner withdraw the rejections against claims 91 – 101, as amended, and issue an allowance for claims 91 – 110.

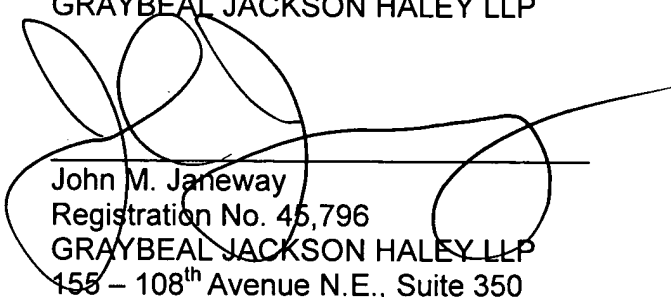
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If, after considering this response, the examiner believes the claims should not be allowed, the applicants' attorney respectfully requests that before issuing an Office Action, the examiner call to schedule a telephone conference to further the prosecution of the claims.

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